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*Application No.:* 10/058,508  
*Invention:* COMPOSITE PROSTHETIC BEARING  
CONSTRUCTED OF POLYETHYLENE  
AND AN ETHYLENE-ACRYLATE  
COPOLYMER AND METHOD FOR  
MAKING THE SAME  
*Applicant:* Richard King et al.  
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